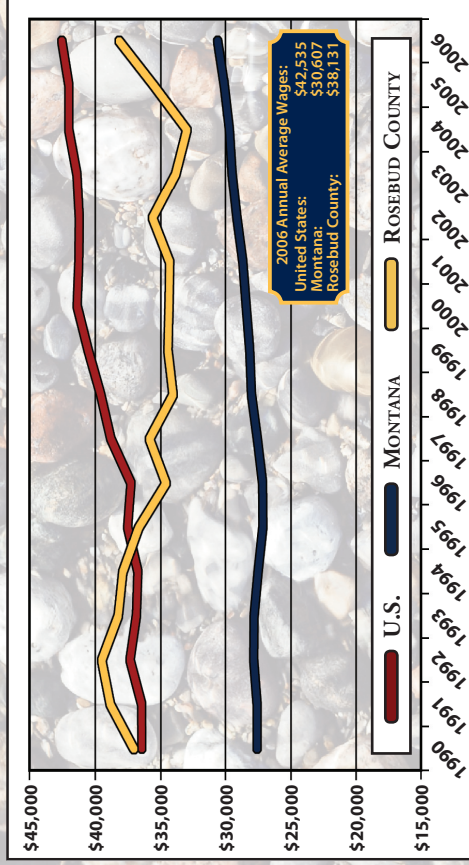


Annual Average Labor Force - Rosebud County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	3,903	3,706	197	5.0%
2005	4,000	3,786	214	5.4%
2004	4,263	4,055	208	4.9%
2003	4,277	4,055	222	5.2%
2002	3,999	3,767	232	5.8%
2001	4,259	4,009	250	5.9%
2000	4,279	4,029	250	5.8%

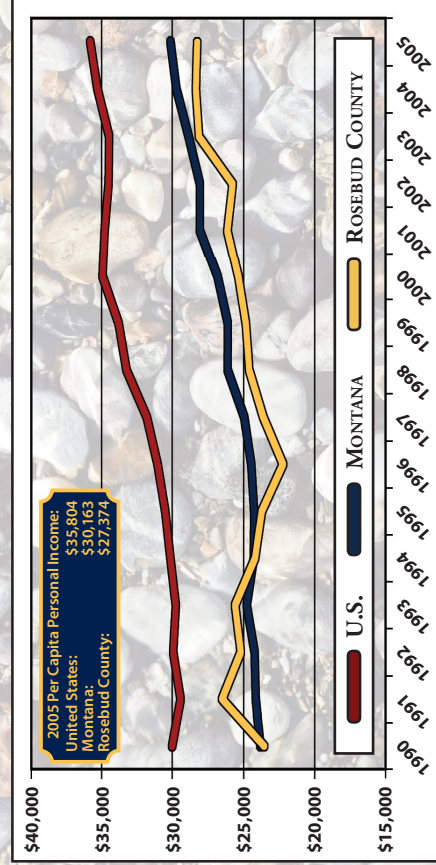
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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ROSEBUD COUNTY

Rosebud County is Montana's twenty-second most populous county, with an estimated 9,261 residents as of July 1st, 2006. While Forsyth is the county seat, Colstrip is Rosebud County's most populous city, with an estimated 2006 population of 2,342, compared to Forsyth's 1,898 residents.¹ Other cities and towns in Rosebud County include Angela, Ashland, Birney, Hathaway, Ingomar, Lane Deer, Rosebud, and Sumatra. A large portion of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation lies within Rosebud County.

The coming of the Northern Pacific Railroad helped to establish Forsyth, and the railroad continues to fuel the area's economy, with Burlington Northern Santa Fe being recognized as one of the county's major employers (*please note that BNSF is not listed in the Top 10 Employers table because it is not subject to unemployment insurance*). Rosebud County's traditional major industries of coal mining, railroad, and agriculture remain the driving forces of the area's economy².

¹U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

²Come Home Montana, www.comehomemontana.org/viewinfo.php?town=forsyth

Resources for Rosebud County

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P. O. Box 106
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<http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/milescity>

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	5	*	*
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	10	52	\$29,719
Credit intermediation & related activity	5	44	\$29,605
Insurance carriers & related activities	5	8	\$30,346
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	2	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	12	34	\$30,722
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	10	46	\$26,019
Administrative and support services	9	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	1	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	1	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	20	226	\$20,926
Ambulatory health care services	12	45	\$27,085
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	1	*	*
Social assistance	7	25	\$14,457
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	11	156	\$12,932
Performing arts and spectator sports	1	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	9	133	\$12,941
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	29	280	\$7,337
Accommodation	7	79	\$7,965
Food services and drinking places	22	202	\$7,092
OTHER SERVICES	20	52	\$23,860
Repair and maintenance	6	20	\$36,072
Personal and laundry services	1	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	12	28	\$16,927
Private households	1	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	40	1,388	\$30,374
Local Government	18	1,148	\$27,014
State Government	7	30	\$37,926
Federal Government	15	209	\$47,723

The QCCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	240	4,115	\$38,132
TOTAL PRIVATE	201	2,727	\$42,078
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	9	50	\$16,997
Animal production	6	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	3	*	*
MINING	4	511	\$64,389
Mining, except oil and gas	2	*	*
Support activities for mining	2	*	*
UTILITIES	9	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	18	261	\$64,511
Construction of buildings	2	*	*
Heavy and civil engineering construction	3	*	*
Specialty trade contractors	12	244	\$66,296
MANUFACTURING	3	14	\$13,874
Food manufacturing	2	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	4	11	\$24,480
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	1	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	2	*	*
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	1	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	29	295	\$13,717
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	6	31	\$25,319
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	6	38	\$14,332
Food and beverage stores	5	154	\$12,459
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	4	39	\$12,138
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	1	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	1	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	3	6	\$28,17
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	4	17	\$31,004
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	3	17	\$31,517
INFORMATION	9	63	\$40,989

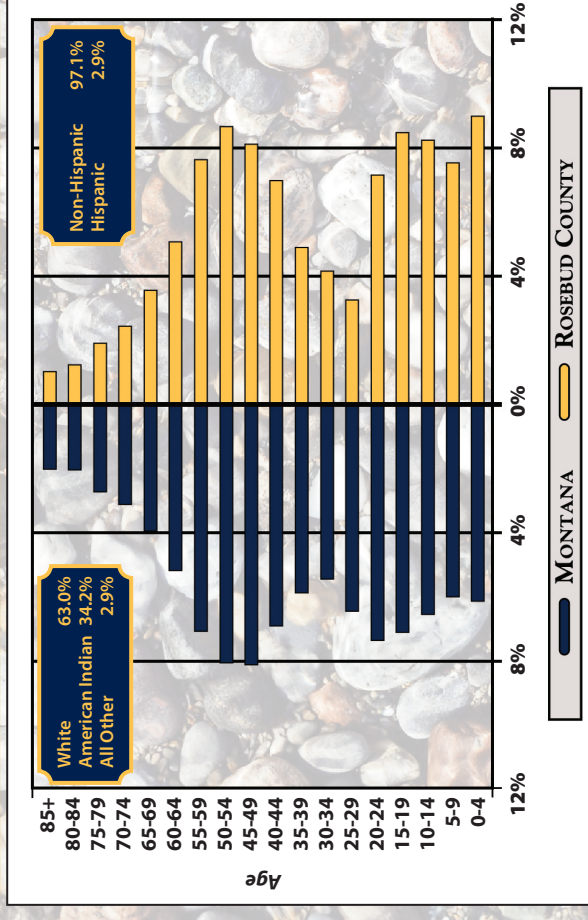
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

Population for Rosebud County & Related Areas

Geography	Population Estimates							Census April 1, 2000
	% Change 2000-2006	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000
Rosebud County	-1.3%	9,261	9,279	9,227	9,311	9,273	9,270	9,385
Colstrip city	-0.2%	2,342	2,347	2,343	2,365	2,338	2,327	2,349
Forsyth city	-2.4%	1,898	1,902	1,902	1,918	1,917	1,920	1,944
Balance of Rosebud County	-1.4%	5,021	5,030	4,982	5,028	5,018	5,023	5,092

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Rosebud County, 2006



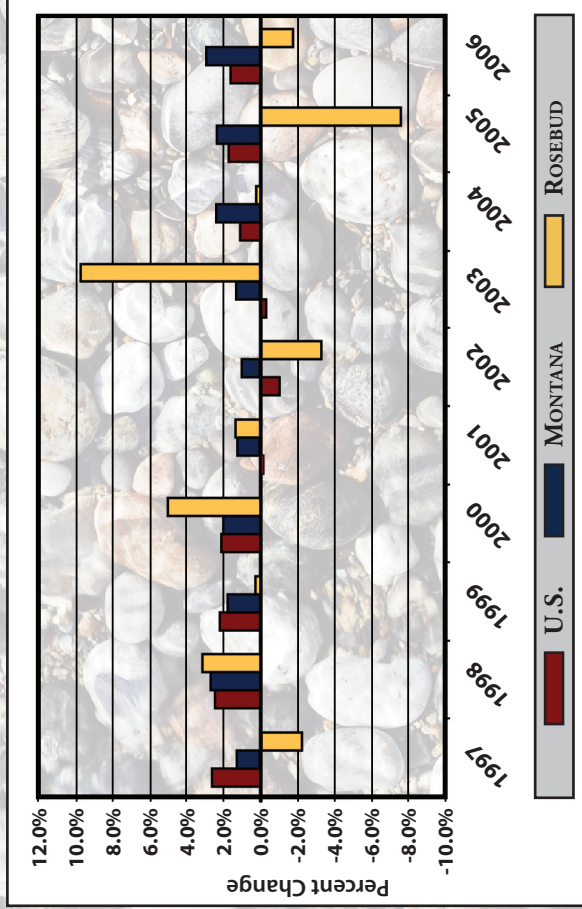
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Rosebud County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	19.4%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	32.4%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	24.7%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	7.9%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	12.5%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	1.9%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.0%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.2%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Rosebud County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Rosebud County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Colstrip Electric	5	Power Maintenance Resources Inc. (PMRI)	6
Home Care Services	5	Prince Inc.	6
Lame Deer Trading Post	4	Rosebud Community Hospital	6
PP & L of Montana	7	St. Labre Indian School	7
Ponderosa Butte Public Golf Course	5	Western Energy	7

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Rosebud County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	412
Land in farms (acres)	2,540,898
Average size of farms (acres)	6,167
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	205
1,000 acres or more	207
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	314
\$100,000 or more	98
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	374
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	38

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	76,974
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Sheep and lambs	1,885
Horses and ponies	1,927
Bison	335
Chickens (layers and broilers)	344
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	752
Corn for silage or greenchop	4,060
Wheat for grain, All	42,703
Winter wheat for grain	19,159
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	23,544
Barley for grain	2,019
Oats for grain	589
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	44,643

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	277
Other	135
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	327
Not on farm operated	85
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	117
10 years or more	295
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	222
55 years and over	190
Average age of operators: (number)	54.9

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
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